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SITUATION REPORTS

POLAND

The situation in Poland has been calm since the summit, and the Soviets have begun taking a more positive tone toward developments there.

Soviet press coverage of the two-day visit of Polish Foreign Minister Czyrek to Moscow indicates that the Soviet leadership will continue to give the Kania regime time to reestablish control of its domestic political situation.

Especially noteworthy were Czyrek's talks with Brezhnev. According to press reports, Brezhnev expressed "confidence" that the Poles, under the guidance of the Polish party, will be able to overcome their difficulties. The two sides also continued their criticism of the Western coverage of Polish events by condemning attempts by "imperialists" to interfere in internal Polish affairs.

The Brezhnev-Czyrek talks were reportedly held in a "warm and cordial atmosphere" and afterwards Czyrek told Soviet journalists he was "enormously impressed" by the "extremely warm and cordial" meeting with Brezhnev, whom he characterized as a "great friend of Poland."

The Soviets presumably used the talks with Czyrek to put additional pressure on the Poles to erode the concessions granted to Solidarity in August and to stake out clear limits to democratization within the Polish party. In return, Czyrek probably referred to recent developments in Poland, particularly the attacks on key dissident groups and the more responsive and moderate attitude of Solidarity.

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Military Situation

Soviet forces in East Germany and the western USSR are continuing their exercises, but we have no indication of any deployment or additional mobilization.

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[REDACTED] Aerial photography Wednesday of two Soviet divisions in East Germany showed most units in their garrisons and some seasonal training in process.

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